IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
SIDE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.4464 OF 2006

The State of Maharashtra ...Applicant.
V/s.
Mrs.Sonia Mayers ...Respondent.

Mrs.M.H.Mhatre, the learned APP for the Applicant/State.
Shri P.M.Havnur, adv. for the Respondent.

CORAM: J.H.BHATIA, J.
DATE : 28th February, 2007.

P.C.:

1. Heard Mrs.Mhatre, the learned APP for the State and Mr.Havnur, the learned counsel for the respondent.

2. The respondent, who is a lady was granted anticipatory bail in Crime No.296 of 2006 registered at Turbhe Police Station for the offences punishable under Sections 406, 420, 120(B) of the I.P.C. by the learned Second Ad-hoc Additional Sessions Judge, Thane by the order dated 11-9-2006.

3. According to the prosecution, respondent and another co-accused had obtained amounts of Rs.1 Crore and 5 lakhs as deposit from 3 companies i.e., Taj Hotel, Indian Navy and Air India contending that there was a agreement to provide cars on hire to those companies. The learned Additional Sessions Judge noted that

according to the prosecution custody of the respondent for require to secure her specimen handwriting and signatures for the purpose of proper investigation. In view of this, the learned Additional Sessions Judge found that specimen handwriting and signatures could be obtained even without taking her in the custody. As such, anticipatory bail was granted. The learned APP makes a statement that specimen signatures and handwriting of the respondent are already taken.

4. In view of the above, it is clear that the purpose for which police wanted her custody is already served by her remaining present at the police station and by securing her specimen handwriting and signatures. I do not see any reason to cancel the impugned order.

5. Application stands rejected.

(J.H.Bhatia,J.)